By the King.

A Proclamation prohibiting the vſe of Snaffles, and commanding the vſe of Bittes for Riding.

THe Kings moſt Excellent MAIESTY, taking into His Princely thoughts, the preſent ſtate of theſe times, and how neceſſary it is, that all his louing Subiects ſhould be prouided, for their owne defence, and the defence of the Realme, vpon all occaſions, and ſudden euents; And finding by experience, that ſuch horſes, as are to be imployed for Seruice, are more apt and fit to be managed by ſuch as ſhal ride them being vſed to the Bittes, then to the Snaffles: His Maieſtie therefore, by the Aduice of the Lords, and others of his Priuie Counſell, hath thought fit, and doth hereby ſtraitly charge and command, that no perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, of what degree or condition ſoeuer, other then ſuch only as His Maieſtie, in reſpect of their attendance vpon His Royall Perſon in times of diſport, or otherwiſe, ſhall licence thereunto, ſhall from henceforth in riding, vſe any Snaffles, but Bittes onely, vpon paine of His Maieſties high diſpleaſure, and vpon ſuch further Paines, Penalties, and Impriſonments, as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme of England, or by His Maieſties Prerogatiue Royall, can or may bee inflicted vpon the offenders, for their contempt of His Maieſties Royall Commandement in that behalfe.

Giuen at His Maieſties Court at White-Hall, the twentieth day of Nouember in the third yeere of His Highneſſe Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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